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A LITERARY FLOOD-TIME

This has been a season in which Canadian philatelic fans have had a deluge of philatelic literature. As one correspondent says he hasn't had time for stamps this past winter but had a delightful time reading the new offings. To mention a few there are the Holmes Catalog, New Plate Block catalog, New Precancel Catalog, Hans Reiche Varieties, Whitehead Squared Circles. And all on Canadian subjects.

Truly, stamp collecting is a popular subject. Probably no other hobby has such a volume of literature produced for its following and their instruction. What fear that TV will divorce followers from Philately! Probably the same fear was expressed when radio appeared on the scene. If anything the hobby interest has increased instead of decreased.

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Postage on his minimum figure of 80 would be $4.00, and there's still stationery and his time to figure in. This amounts to a tidy sum in a year, all because a group of thoughtless or inconsiderate people fail to realize or care that postage in any business by mail is a sizeable expense along with taxes, fuel or rent.

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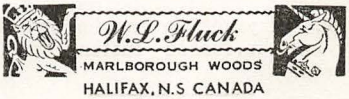

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Silver Jubilee Distribution and Diffusion

By HERMAN JACOBI JR.

Before going into this phase of the Silver Jubilee Stamps of Canada it seems appropriate to draw a line as to where "distribution" ends, and "diffusion" begins.

By "distribution" the writer means the course of this issue from the delivery of the printing by the Canadian Bank Note Company, to the Post Office Department, and thence to the thousands of "jumping off" points—the many post offices of Canada. The quantities supplied by the Philatelic Agency also form a part of the distribution.

By "diffusion" we refer to the purchase, and use of the stamps, made by the public, i.e., individuals, business firms, collectors, dealers, speculators, etc.

Distribution

According to official records, the Canadian Bank Note Company delivered the following quantities of Silver Jubilee Stamps to the Post Office Department.

1c (Plates I & II) 30,500,000.
2c (Plates I & II) 31,000,000.
3c (Plates I, II & III) 60,425,000.
5c (Plates I & II) 3,050,000.
10c (Plates I & II) 3,125,000.
13c (Plates I & II) 1,100,000.

These stamps were quickly distributed to the larger cities of Canada, including, of course, the 23 First Day cities. (for use on May 4, 1935).

The Philatelic Agency was also supplied with material of selected centering.

Overseas purchases of this issue were considerable as the Silver Jubilee celebration was, naturally, of Empire proportions.

The U.S.A. also purchased large quantities of these stamps, though everyone was lulled into a sense of "false security" because Ottawa had always, here-to-fore kept large stocks on hand. (To the dismay of dealers and investors alike) The Philatelic Agency ran out fast on this issue, taking practically everyone by surprise.

In order to create a sense of awareness of the Silver Jubilee celebration the public, in more remote places, was given an opportunity to see and distribute Silver Jubilee stamps due to the fact that the Post Office Department made it a practice, at that time, to fill orders for stamps, from postmasters in the smaller places, by sending half quantities of Silver Jubilees, as long as these were available, and half of the regular issue.

Diffusion

The usual speculators bought quantities of mint sheets, and laid them away—though in 1935 we still had a depression and too much of this could not be done.

The so-called "controlled mail boys" made it a point to buy sheets from the post offices, or Philatelic Agency, in order to secure used copies early in the game. This was done by means of various devices; with business firms having branch offices, and included the Canadian Bank of Commerce arrangement whereby the bank received a percentage of its postage of controlling and supervising the return of desired values to head office.

This ingenious device enabled the controlled mail operators to supply dealers with used copies in order that the dealers might satisfy the demand for them. Controlled mail, operating out of Toronto, Montreal, and elsewhere, accounted for thousands of used copies of this issue—especially in the higher values.

The lower values, 1c, 2c, and 3c were sent to practically every city, village, and hamlet in the country. A very interesting collection of dated towns can be brought together, of the 3c value in particular, since its large size and red color lend it great value for this purpose.

We need not enlarge on the lower three values, as their almost complete difussion is obvious. We need only consider the millions of copies destroyed by non-philatelic interests; and the millions used in packets of cheap stamps. Packets also consumed considerable quantities of the higher values, in sub-standard condition—heavily cancelled, badly off-center, or both.

Naturally, at the time and for many years to come, dealers will have all of the used copies they will ever need of the lower three values.

However, the higher values are a "horse of a different color".

The much smaller printings made these values scarcer, from the very beginning, and thousands upon thousands of copies were lost in non-philatelic channels.

The five cent Prince of Wales, reasonably available mint, was never plentiful in fine used condition. This being the overseas rate may account for many copies disappearing abroad.

The ten cent, Windsor Castle, used largely on parcels, with the usual roller cancellation, is also not easily obtained in fine used condition. It is quite scarce in well-centered mint condition as well.

The thirteen cent, Britannia, always scarce, from the very beginning as far as fine used condition was concerned, has only become scarcer with the passing of time.

This is partly due to the fact that 13c was the registered rate in 1935, and the town and "killer" cancels were often used with disastrous results—the "killer" usually landing on the stamp! Controlled mail blocks, for the most part, have light roller cancellations. Dated towns, clean and "socked on the nose" are truly rare, as are R.P.O's.

Mint copies are quite scarce in well centered condition.

Nice covers of Silver Jubilees, once very plentiful, are getting scarce in all values, especially registered.

Getting back to the diffusion of this issue in general, a few random notes, covering various angles of this phase, follow:

The Salada Stamp Club of Toronto, once offered the Silver Jubilees, singly or in sets, as premiums to beginners.

The normal wear and tear of copies being remounted, mostly by inexperienced collectors decimate the number of copies each year.

Improper storage, of mints in particular, has caused great philatelic loss, either by soiling, curling, and damage if stored in too dry a place, or, worse still, sticking together during humid weather in a damp atmosphere.

Thousands of copies of all values, have been used in the 23 First Day City covers, as well as the air flights during the period of use (1935 to 1937). The "Nascopie" Arctic supply trips, of 1935-36, also used many copies.

For years the entire set has, with slight variations, and excxepting the 13c, stood still in the catalogs. Such cataloging makes would-be investors use up their holdings for postage, and while this may add a few used copies to the market, it definitely diminishes the mints.

This even happened to the 13c as late as 1942, and many former owners of mints wish they had held out a little longer.

The 1c and 2c Rock Island precancels diverted several thousand copies from ordinary channels. These are minor rarities today!

Plate block collecting tends to break up sheets very much.

"Perfins" accounted for thousands and thousands of copies during this period of use (1935 to early 1937). In this instance I refer to private company perfins in particular, but do not exclude Province of Ontario Legislative Assembly (LA) and Province of Saskatchewan (PS).

However, it might be of interest to record that the writer has examined hundreds of thousands of this issue, in all values, and has never found an O.H.M.S.

The Post Office Department also denies their official use and so it appears that they should be collected, as far as this issue is concerned, with some forethought.

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MINT CANADA --- PLATE BLOCKS

Limited supply of some items. Supplementary order appreciated.

No.	Den.	Pl.	UL	UR	LL	LR
290	2c	2	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
291	3c	1	.30	.30	.30	.30
		2	.30	.30	.30	.30
292	4c	1	.35	.35	.35	.35
		2	.35	.35	.35	.35
293	5c	1	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
		2	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
294	50c	1	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
301	10c	1	.55	.55	.55	.55
		2	.55	.55	.55	.55
302	$1.	1	7.50	7.95	7.95	7.95
303	3c	1	.45	.45	.45	.45
		2	.45	.45	.45	.45
304	4c	1	.50	.50	.50	.50
		2	.50	.50	.50	.50
305	2c	3	.20	.20	.20	.20
		4	.30	.30	.30	.30
		5	.25	.25	.25	.25
		6	.20	.20	.20	.20
		7	.20	.20	.20	.20
		8	.65	.65	.65	.65
306	4c	6	12.00	10.00		22.00
		11	.30	.30	.30	.30
		12	.30	.30	.30	.30
		13	.30	.30	.30	.30
		14	.30	.30	.30	.30
		15	.30	.30	.30	.30
		17	.30	.30	.30	.30
		18	.30	.30	.30	.30
311	4c	1	.50	.50	.50	.50
		2	.50	.50	.50	.50
312	5c	1	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70
		2	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70
313	7c	1	.75	.75	.75	.75
		2	.75	.75	.75	.75
314	15c	1	.85	.85	.85	.85
315	4c	1	.55	.55	.55	.55
		2	.40	.40	.40	.40
		3	.50	.50	.50	.50
316	20c	1	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
		2	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
317	4c	1	.35	.35	.35	.35
		2	.35	.35	.35	.35
318	3c	1	.40	.35	.35	.35
		2	.40	.35	.35	.35
319	4c	1	.40	.40	.40	.40
		2	.40	.40	.40	.40
320	7c	1	.45	.45	.45	.45
		2	.45	.45	.45	.45
321	$1.	1	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75
		2	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75
322	2c	1	.30	.30	.30	.30
		2	.30	.30	.30	.30
323	3c	1	.35	.35	.35	.35
		2	.35	.35	.35	.35
324	4c	1	.40	.40	.40	.40
		2	.40	.40	.40	.40
325	1c	1	.20	.20	.20	.20
		2	.15	.15	.15	.15
		3	.15	.15	.15	.15
326	2c	1	.35	.35	.35	.35
		2	.30	.30	.30	.30
		3	.30	.30	.30	.30
		4	.30	.30	.30	.30
		5	.35	.35	.30	.30
		6	1.00	1.50	1.00	1.50
327	3c	1	.30	.30	.30	.30
		2	.30	.30	.30	.30
		3	.30	.35	.35	.35
		4				
328	4c	1	.40	.40	.40	.40
		2	.35	.35	.35	.35
		3	.40	.40	.40	.40
		4	.40	.40	.40	.40
		5	.40	.40	.35	.35
		6	.40	.40	.35	.35
329	5c	1	.50	.50	.50	.50
		2	.50	.50	.50	.50
		3	.75	.75	.75	.75
330	4c	1	2.95	7.00	3.00	3.00
		2	.40	.40	.40	.40
		3	.35	.35	.35	.35
		4	.80	.80	.80	.80
334	50c	1	2.95	2.95	2.95	2.95
		2	2.95	2.95	2.95	2.95
335	4c	1	.40	.40	.40	.40
		2	.40	.40	.40	.40
336	5c	1	.45	.45	.45	.45
		2	.45	.45	.45	.45
343	15c	1	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
		2	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
337	1c	1	.15	.15	.15	.15
		2	.15	.15	.15	.15
338	2c	1	.20	.20	.20	.20

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SILVER JUBILEE, ETC.

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This is the period of 1935 when we would come upon a #216 perfin, groan, tear it in half and throw it away. We have a somewhat different picture in 1955!

The "Topical" phase of collecting makes the six Silver Jubilee values a first class field, as each of the six values is an excellent topical in its own right.

(a) Royal portraits (1, 2, 3, 5)
(b) architecture or castle (10)
(c) ships (13)
(d) commem. col. (1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 13)
(e) Edward VIII group (5)
(f) Geo. VI group (2c)
(g) Elizabeth II group (1c)
(h) Variety collector (1c weeping Princess).

The presentation booklets, those small gems of the bookbinders art, also took their toll of copies during the period of use of this issue—— several thousand copies of each value being used for presentation purposes to members of parliament as well as for use in the U.P.U. conferences, etc.

The question of whether the existing imperforates are in or out of the quantities delivered by the Canadian Bank Note Co. is a point the writer has had some difficulty in clarifying. No positive information seems to be available.

The writer, always an ardent collector of this issue, in every phase finds never ending pleasure in its many facets.

The Silver Jubilees may well be looked upon as one of Canada's finest modern examples of the engraver's art and, in time, they will be more appreciated than they are today.

In the meantime good hunting—for in stamps the hunt is often as interesting as the final acquisition of the item being collected.

The next meeting of the Expert Committee of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, is on May 18th. The deadline for receiving material is April 30th.

Father: "Get up, John. When Abraham Lincoln was your age, do you know what he was doing?"

Son: "No, I don't. But I know what he was doing at your age."

TWO-RING NUMERAL CANCELLATIONS

By A. K. Grimmer

Collectors of cancellations usually find it more or less difficult to secure the numerals from 1 to 60 or what are commonly called the "Two-Ring Numeral Cancellations" and to allocate the numeral to the Post Office which used it. Jarrett's excellent catalogue was able to define most of the post offices to which the numerals belonged, but there were a few numerals he had to specify as being "unknown."

While collecting cancellations on 3c Small Queens a lot of covers were secured which proved that "Two-Ring Numeral "34" belonged to Chatham, N.B. These covers were as follows:

1c Small Queen dated at Chatham, N.B., June 27th, 1873.

3c Small Queen dated at Chatham, N.B., March 18th, 1873.

3c Small Queen dated at Chatham, N.B., May 23rd, 1873.

3c Small Queen dated at Chatham, N.B., July, 1873.

3c Small Queen dated at Chatham, N.B., Nov., 1874.

3c Small Queen dated at Chatham, N.B., Dec. 18th, 1874.

Beside above a registered cover has been seen with the 2c and 3c Small Queen with Chatham cancellation and numeral "34". So it seems that these are adequate to establish that this cancellation belonged to Chatham, N.B. It is though one of the rarer of the two-ring numeral concellations and rates a premium in value compared to the average value of two-ring numerals on the Small Queen.s.

It can also be stated that the cancellor or cachet was not always used only in one post office. From personal observation the two-ring numeral "11" which belonged to Fredericton has been seen on covers dated at St. Andrews, N.B., but these were dated later than when the cachet was in normal use and it is difficult to explain as St. Andrews had its own numeral "50".

Other instances of similar exchange has been reported also and this without satisfactory explanation or reason.

Canada Plate Blocks

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284— " "	6-9	.20	.20	.20	.20	.75
285—2ct Brown	1-2	.40	.40	.40	.40	1.50
"	3	.45	.45	.45	.45	1.60
286—3ct Violet	1-2-3-4-					
"	6-7-8-10-					
"	11-12-13-14	.30	.30	.30	.30	1.00
"	5	.40	.50	.75	.40	2.00
287—4ct Red	1-2-3-4-					
"	6-8-9	.65	.65	.65	.65	2.40
"	7 FINE	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	4 50
"	10	.80	.80	.80	.80	3.00
288—5ct Blue	1-2-3	.50	.50	.50	.50	1.80
301—10ct Fur	1-2	.60	.60	.60	.60	2.20
311—4ct Capex	1-2	.35	.35	.35	.35	1.20
312—5ct "	1-2 SUPERB					12.00
312—5ct "	1-2	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	8.00
313—7ct "	1-2	.50	.50	.50	.50	1.80
314—15c "	1	.80	.80	.80	.80	3.00
316—20ct Grey	1-2	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	4.00
320—7ct Goose	1-2	.40	.40	.40	.40	1.50
322—2ct Bear	1-2	.35	.35	.35	.35	1.20
323—3ct Moose	1-2	.30	.30	.30	.30	1.00
324—4ct Mt. Goat	1-2	.35	.35	.35	.35	1.20
325—1ct Q.E.	1-2	.15	.15	.15	.15	.50
326—2ct "	1-2-3-4-5	.20	.20	.20	.20	.75
327—3ct "	1-2	.28	.28	.28	.28	1.00
328—4ct "	1-2-3-4-4	.30	.30	.30	.30	1.00
329—5ct "	1-2-3	.35	.35	.35	.35	1.20
330—4ct Coron.	1	1.00	7.00	.75	1.00	9.00
330—4ct "	2-3	.35	.35	.35	.35	1.40
330—4ct "	4	.50	.50	.50	.50	1.80
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The Hollow Tree

By Ed. Richardson

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#265—3c & 4c Revised Issue Booklets

It has probably been mentioned somewhere before, but anyway it may be news to some readers that there were two different types of booklets for some of the Revised Issues.

The difference referred to is in the post-office advertising on the back covers. Along towards the end of the War Issue booklets, the P.O.D. was using:

POSTAL NOTE SCRIP
A CONVENIENT METHOD
OF MAKING SMALL
REMITTANCES
ASK YOUR POSTMASTER

This ad, and its French equivalent, were used on the first printings of the 3c violet and 4c red revised booklets. I have the 3c violet in both English and bilingual types. I have the 4c red bilingual but do not have the English, so I am not certain as to whether it was issued in such form.

The later printings of these booklets bear the P.O.D. ad:

AVOID LOSS
USE
POSTAL
MONEY ORDERS

This type I have in both English and bilingual for both the 3c violet and the 4c red.

One other change took place in these booklets at the same time apparently. The advertising fly leaves still appear in the booklets with "POSTAL NOTE SCRIP," etc. These referred to airmail rates. With the discontinuance with special airmail rates and stamps, this advertising was discontinued. In fact the fly leaves, front and back were discontinued. So in the later printings, the "AVOID LOSS" etc., type, we find no fly leaves. We believe this was the first instance of their being regularly dropped, not counting the special "Rural Delivery Mail" booklets of 1929 containing the 1c, 2c, and 5c Scroll Issue, and which of course did not contain any fly leaves or advertising matter of any kind.

Thus we find that these Revised booklets reflect the change over from the ads and cover make-up on the late War Issue printings, to the type booklets used with the Queen Elizabeth II Issues.

As far as my own collection would indicate all "chewing gum" combination booklets containing the 4c red, are of the early type (Postal Note). All 4c orange booklets, and all "chewing gum" combination booklets containing the 4c orange are of the later type (Avoid Loss). It is very possible however that collectors may turn up varieties of these. I'd be pleased to hear about any you turn up.

LETTER TO EDITOR

I have been watching P.S. for some one to write you regarding the article offering in the November, 1954 issue, "King of Hobbies" by Stanley Lum. In the second last paragraph of this very well written article on collecting he states, quote, An excellent example of this is the one cent Princess Margaret Rose tear drop variety of the 1935 Canada Jubilee issue, unquote. I always thought this was the likeness of our present Queen, then the Princess Elizabeth. No doubt this has been noticed but wondered if anyone had written you re same.

Speaking about odd stamps, a short timt ago I purchased a half sheet of the first issue of the Queen stamps 1c Scott's Canada No. 325 brown. On the lower selvage quite a large printing ink smudge appears and the two stamps just above the selvage are smeared. That gives the Queen a dirty face. I am sure this is not a constant and can only be considered an oddity.—Stan Brown.

Swapping

In these pages I have been going into considerable detail as to the advantages of collecting some specialized foreign group. If in spite of all arguments to the contrary, you insist on collecting only British North America, let me make you a proposition.

Almost everyone has odd accumulations of foreign which has accumulated. This may come from an earlier collection, from a large mixed lot or been given to the owner. If this lot of oddments which you will probably have has any significant value at all, send it to me for a generous credit to apply to purchases made for material of special interest to you.

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BIOGRAPHY OF A STAMP COLLECTOR

By J. Robertson Webbe
In The London Echo.

Ephraim E. Werner, who has been collecting postal issues the world over for the past 66 years might well be called "London's dean of philatelists."

Dating back to 1889 when he first picked up the "bug" for this hobby, Mr. Werner has collected and sold two professional sets. Now at 82, he is hard at work at his third collection which already numbers well over 3,000 postmarked and mint issues.

Mr. Werner jokingly recalls how he first took an interest in stamp collecting. It was approximately 11 years before the turn of the century when a friend of his own age, and another lad in his early 'teen, began to have stamps removed from letters received in the community. He "joshed" with them secretly thinking it to be a rather silly pastime. But little did he know that the practice wase age-old even at that time.

But he went along with the "gag" as it were, and assisted them by removing the postage from his father's correspondence and taking the colored bits of paper" to them. At the same time he saved a few for himself, not once admitting that he was doing so. The majority of them were the Canadian "Beaver" issue.

He remembers his first album, "a five-cent scribbler." Using the gummed section of envelope flaps as a substitute for stamp hinges, Mr. Werner fastened each individual issue on a different page on the top left hand corner. As a result, the improvised album became "one big fat lump" at the top corner and it soon fell apart. So he transferred them to an old office ledger.

The first collection was "very crude" and he didn't know much about the stamps themselves. Around 1912 he sold the collection.

He immediately started on his second collection and this, up to the time of sale in 1944, was a genuine collection which he valued highly. "They were not collected by money but rather picked up over the years," asserted Mr. Werner.

He valued his second collection at no less than $2,000. But, because the person who eventually made the purchase had only $700 to spend on it, the difference was made up in part by removing a portion of the valuable issues.

This, his third and present collection, is somewhat different to the first two. In it, he is specializing only in stamps issued in Canada, United States, Great Britain and the Commonwealth nations.

Enjoying good health, and appearing younger than many a man 15 or 20 years his junior, the silver-haired Mr. Werner claims to have had a number of rare and highly valuable issues in his possession. Two of these were valued by an old and reliable New York stamp collector's establishment, one at $500 and the other at $325. Both of these he kept in a wallet he carried around with him. However, his precaution went for naught. Having left his coat hanging in the hallway of his place of business, Mr. Werner returned to find the wallet missing, along with the priceless stamps.

Following an education equivalent to Grade 10 high school, he went to work as a tailor's apprentice at Rodney, Ontario, where his father served the community as minister of the Evangelical faith. The first year he worked for nothing. He was 16 at the time. His second year netted him a salary of $1.50 per week. In his third and final year he labored for $5 or $6 a week.

He then went to various places of employment, including St. Thomas, Hamilton and Tilbury, as a coat maker. He took a cutting course and graduated at a cutting school in New York then moved to Detroit to work in an automobile plant for two years.

In 1909, he opened his own business in his home town of Rodney. In 1918 he moved to London where he was employed for approximately a year-and-a-half as a cutter for a ladies' wear firm. During 1920 he opened his own tailor shop on Dundas street and operated a successful business until his retirement in August, 1954.

(Mr. Werner is Honorary President of the Middlesex Stamp Circle, London, Ont.)

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The present listing is 119 5-hole, 56 4-hole, 17 o.p. OHMS, and 32 o.p. 'G' total of 222 Major varieties. It lists 279 5-hole, 203 4-hole, 24 o.p. OH MS, and 2 o.p. 'G', a total of 508 Minor varieties.

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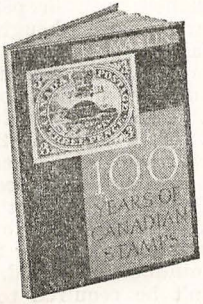

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1d Sketch 367—Cayman Isl. The 1d of the new Queen issue shows the confetti variety which is to be found on other B.W.I. issues. Sent by R. L. Cooke.

368—Canada Scott's 274, the 4c Bell stamp with hockey stick flaw in numeral 4. Sent by Alex Macdonald.

SCOUT JAMBOREE CACHET

William H. Freeman, secretary-treasurer of Niagara's Official Cover Service, Boy Scout Jamboree, Niagara-on-the Lake, reported in the Toronto Globe, March 5th, that the Mayor and Council of Niagara-on-the Lake authorized the setting up of a committee to design a suitably decorated or cacheted envelope for the Boy Scout Jamboree next August.

This cachet is now completed and may be obtained in four colors: Black, red, blue or green. And this is the official cover of the Town of Niagara which most people call Niagara-on-the Lake.

The net proceeds from the sale of these covers for stamp collectors is to go to the Niagara Boy Scouts Association Building Fund.

"Statements have been made thru various media, the press, magazines and by radio that the Jamboree is being held at Niagara Falls. May I suggest to all readers that the Jamboree will take place at Niagara-on-the-Lake."

Any reader wishing further information about the covers for stamp collectors may write to W. H. Freeman, secretary-treasurer, Niagara's Official Cover Service, 568 Mississauga St., Niagara-on-the-Lake. And since this work on behalf of the scouting work in town is entirely a non-profit venture, persons sending questions are requested to please enclose a self-addressed envelope with a 5-cent Canadian stamp on it for a reply from Mr. Freeman.

BUYING PLATE BLOCKS

We sympathize with plate block collectors who complain about being required to purchase a sheet of 100 stamps from the Philatelic Section in order to get a plate block in the lower denominations. If one was head of a large business he might use the surplus stamps for office mailing, but the private individual though he could use the 1c to 5c denominations, it is hardly reasonable that his correspondence is so large as to be required to use more than say three or four hundred 5c stamps in a year. There are five plates of the current 5c stamp. Suppose that runs to 10 or 15 plates or more during its life, to get all the plates from the Agency one would have enough surplus stamps left to post letters for the next ten or fifteen years if he could write that many.

The Agency avows its purpose is to keep the collector from being exploited. By making the collector buy 100 stamps for a plate block of four seems to the writer to account in large part for the high prices of many plate blocks offered by dealers and others. The investment in surplus stamps to get these plate blocks has to be reckoned with in pricing the saleable part, whether bought by collector or dealer.

We do not say that the Agency be required to mutilate a sheet of 1c stamps to get a plate block for a four cent sale, but a block of 25 to get a plate block would be a lot easier on the collector than the present stipulation. Nor do we suggest the Agency be asked to fill a 25c order. Many dealers stipulate $1.00 or $2.00 orders as the minimum accepted. The Agency shouldn't be required to fill orders for less.

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RAMBLING GOSSIP

By Mufti

Press reports referring to Federation of the B.W.I. have been frequent the past few weeks and this fact may be the cause of some uneasiness for collectors as to what future may be for many of these countries which in the past have had a strong philatelic following. During the past many years the B.W.I. have been as popular a group in the Empire as any which could be mentioned. The continuous loss to philately of one country after another during the past year to be followed by others can only have an unsettling effect for many of us. It is stated that the proposed Federation of nearly two and one half million people would embrace the islands of Trinidad, Jamaica, Barbados, together with the Leeward and Windward Islands, and that a full agreement has been reached upon all matters under consideration. It has also been suggested Br. Guiana and Br. Honduras in Central America may join later. Those of us who can hold and collect the several countries involved can but await the outcome. Notwithstanding the coming change the B. W.I. group will still maintain its popularity everywhere. It is not unlikely that all past issues to those current will be heavily sought after for completion of blank spots before any actual change takes place. If this happens then prices for obsoletes may rise quickly, as well as those issues during our Queen's reign.

In Gibbons London monthly for March, under the heading "Her Majesty Must Remain" the Editor voices an opinion which without doubt will have the support of all philatelists who are Empire minded. He is indeed right when he states that the lower denominations of Great Britain should stay as they are with Her Majesty's portrait featured and that pictorials in the higher denominations should satisfy everyone. These pictorials could well, if space permits, have an inset of Her Majesty's head. It has been announced the new high values will have views of various castles of the four parts of the United Kingdom.

A new set for the British Solomon Islands consisting of 15 values is now on order with the three London firms of Bradbury Wilkinson, De La Rue and Waterlow. They will consist of colorful pictorials including a ship stamp for the one shilling value in orange brown and black of H.M.S. Swallow in 1767.

In the March 11th issue of the London "SC" we read that unused surplus high value stamps of Great Britain are acceptable as payment towards income tax. Who, however, would have quantities of surplus mint stamps from one to twenty shillings, and if they had surely they would be worth a small premium to any dealer if by chance they were obsolete.

Gibbons monthly, London, has raised the Canadian first Queen coils of the 3c and 4c values mint and used in order to 10d and 1/- and 1/- both ways for the latter.

Cheerio everyone. March was a pip, but summer's coming.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Canadian General Council
The Boy Scouts Association,
306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa 4, Ont.
April 1st, 1955.

Dear Mr. McCready:

It has come to our attention that certain persons and/or organizations are issuing or propose to issue First Day or Souvenir Covers in connection with the forthcoming issue of a special 5c stamp commemorating the 8th World Boy Scout Jamboree.

It is assumed that the design on these covers would be of a scouting nature and under the circumstances we feel we should inform you that this Association owns the copyright on the words "Boys Scouts" and on the badges and insignia used by this Association. It is, therefore, unlawful for anyone to make use of the words "Boys Scouts" or of any of the badges or insignia of the Association for commercial purposes without the express permission of this Association.

We shall appreciate your making this known through the pages of your magazine.

Fred J. Finlay,
Chief Executive Commissioner.

One correspondent says, If the Musk Ox looks like the recent stamp of it, thank goodness its about to become extinct.

EXUP VII—1955, MONTREAL

The above event and C.P.S. Convention will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday April 22, 23, and 24 in St. Louis Gymnasium, Montreal. Saturday the 27th Annual Convention of the C.P.S. and Banquet will be held and at 10.00 p.m. followed by dancing until closing time.

The officials are expecting to have an exhibition of around 300 frames including the "hors-concoure" section. An auction will be held at 3 p.m. April 23rd of around 50 lots.

The Banquet is to be held in the Spanish Room of the "Queen's Hotel, located in the heart of Montreal at St. James and Windsor Streets. The price of the entrance to the Banquet is $5.00 per person, including Cocktail, Banquet and Dance.

A man had been looking for a good church to attend and he happened into a small one in which the congregation was reading with the minister. They were saying: "We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done."

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The Boston stamp company has a slight problem. Their Nigerian customer has a ten-year-old copy of the publication—both girls have long since left the firm and are busy raising large families.

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337 1c Queen	.07	.30
328 4c Queen 1953	.22	1.00
326 2c Queen	.12	.64
325 1c Queen	.08	.38
320 7c Goose	.34	1.42
316 20c Paper	.90	3.72
305 2c Green	.12	.54
301 10c Fur	.48	1.96
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5c 1954	.28	1.30
4c 1954	.24	1.50
3c 1954	.27	1.20
2c 1954	.15	.68
1c 1954	.10	.42
343 15c	.80	3.00
336 5c	.30	
335 4c	.25	
334 50c	2.35	9.95
330 4c	.33	1.40
329 5c	.45	1.90
328 4c	.32	1.20
327 3c	.25	1.05
326 2c	.14	.70
325 1c	.12	.52
324 4c	.25	
323 3c	.20	.88
322 2c	.20	.92
321 $1	4.50	17.80
320 7c	.37	1.60
319 4c	.38	
318 3c	.20	
316 20c	.95	3.85
315 4c	.27	
314 15c	.75	3.10
313 7c	.60	
306 4c	.26	1.18
305 2c	.12	.65
301 10c	.48	2.05
294 50c	2.45	9.90
293 5c	1.50	
292 4c	.85	
291 3c	.80	
289 1c	.45	
288 5c	.35	1.30
287 4c	.29	1.30
286 3c	.20	.80
285 2c	.19	
284 1c	.12	.50
283, 282, 277, 276, 275,	ea.	.27
O16 1c	.45	1.65
O18 3c	.95	3.45
O20 5c	1.80	
O21 10c	1.40	
O23 20c	2.50	
O24 50c	3.00	11.85
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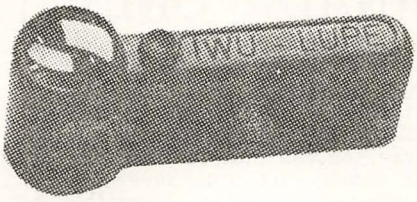

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This fact has irked Canadian collectors for years past but it seems that there has been nothing they can do about it.

The facts of the matter would therefore seem to be that someone had access to a source from which the stamps were obtained. They positively are not stamps that were found in post offices by accident. Someone in the Canadian Post Office must have released these stamps to those who acquired them, or someone in the printing plant where the stamps were produced is the guilty party. Whatever is the answer, if the Canadian Post Office Department did not get a big piece of cash for each of these sheets as issued then they missed a bet, for certainly someone did get the cash. The question is who. If the Department did not get it, then it is time the department made an investigation and found out who did get it and make some effort to rectify the matter even though at this late date they perhaps could not do more than cashier the guilty party or recover damages if the party were responsible.—Linn's Weekly Stamp News.

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